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If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.



*Left to right: Robert E. Fisher, Darrell L. Lindsay, R. L. Platt, L. W. McIntyre, Paul H. Walker.
Standing: J. David Glover, David Bishop, John S. Bridal, L. O. Vaught.*

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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible, 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and therefore all are under a curse of death for all and necessary or forgiveness of sins. 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart. 9. In repentance to God, and to men, and to the angels, and to the saints, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. 13. In the premillennial second coming of Christ. First, He will reign gloriously and eternally to catch up the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years. 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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● *Are Private Colleges Overcrowded?* No!

By J. H. Walker, Jr.

Dean of Lee Junior College

THE PUBLIC is being subjected to vast amounts of propaganda designed to make them aware of the teacher and classroom shortages in America. Included in this is information creating the impression that all colleges are filled to capacity without facilities to accommodate the post World War II crop of babies who will be ready for college in 1964. Unfortunately this propaganda often does not present the whole picture.

Many state universities where tuition is free to residents of the state are crowded. But even they sometimes use application figures instead of the actual number enrolling. The number of applications distort the picture since high school seniors often apply at two or more colleges for fear of not being accepted since they are under the impression that all colleges are overcrowded. Yet it is the advantage of the state schools to impress the state legislatures with their large application figures in order to get their budgets approved.

Another technique is to use the enrollment for the first quarter before the drop-outs. This gives a much higher figure than the actual number they have to care for during most of the school year. But this helps get a larger budget approved.

For these reasons we believe that state universities presently may not be as overcrowded as they would like for you to believe. However, there is one thing certain. Most private colleges are not full. In fact, they are having a difficult time in competing with state universities. While attending the Tennessee Education Association meeting this year, I asked several deans of private colleges about their enrollment. There was not a single dean who said that his college was operating at full capacity. Some indicated that they were hurting financially because of their low enrollments. Their common attitude was well expressed by the dean of one of the largest private schools in Tennessee when he said, "If private colleges do not specialize they have no reason to continue to operate, for in most areas we cannot compete with the state universities."

In studying his statement, I realize that he is correct in his appraisal of the situation. His college was happy over a \$100,000 gift for an addition to one of its buildings, but in that same year the state legislature in one of the southern states appropriated \$2,100,000 for a new building at the state university. One dean said, "Our state university has more dis-

carded science equipment than (a private university with over \$60,000,000 endowment) has in its laboratories." In buildings and equipment, private schools cannot compete.

In teachers' salaries, again the private schools are behind. In one research conducted on the buying power of the teachers' wages, taking 1939-'47 average as the base period, the teachers' wages in state universities have remained the same while those in private colleges have dropped thirty per cent. One of our teachers at Lee, Charles Beach, has been employed in the summers by the University of Tennessee. Each time they offer him a contract paying nearly \$1,000 a year more than what we pay if he will teach for them all year. He is still with us because he likes the speciality of Lee.

And that brings us to an important fact concerning Lee College. We believe that there is a real need in the Church of God for Lee College. We have two main specialties: one is the training of Church of God ministers and workers; the other is the environmental setting whereby college courses can be taught by Holy-Ghost-filled teachers who respect and believe in the Pentecostal fundamentals of the Church of God.

Never in the history of the school have we had the numerical success in soul-winning that we had this past year. During the six-day Easter vacation, our students won more than 400 souls to the Lord in their revivals and personal work. The top leaders in our student body, those with high academic marks and those filling the offices in the clubs and classes, are the ones taking the leading initiative in these endeavors.

When the evaluating committee of the Southern Association was here, they told me several times that there is no question about the quality of work which we have here at Lee. They praised the loyalty and dedication of our administration and faculty. They said that we are fortunate to have such a faculty.

Today there are hundreds of young people from Church of God homes who are enrolled in colleges. Many of them are paying much higher tuition rates than those of Lee. I ask you as pastors and parents to take advantage of these specialties at Lee. Encourage your young people, send your children, and continue your support of a college which is Christ-centered.



ROBERT E. FISHER
Former Superintendent



J. H. WALKER
Superintendent

VIEWPOINTS OF

WCBC Cafeteria



... of the Superintendent

Eleven years ago West Coast Bible College began operation. The enrollment that first year was nine students. Classes were held in the basement of a small church in Pasadena, California. Today with over one hundred students enrolled and a new campus valued at over \$200,000, West Coast stands as a monument to the blessings of Almighty God and the faithful efforts of many dedicated men and women.

West Coast has become a recognized educational arm of the Church of God. It has and is pro-

ducing ministers, teachers, and Christian laymen who will go on to become a credit to their school and their church. Some of these are destined to fill positions of great importance in the Church of God.

The educational leadership of WCBC has not only become known in the Church of God circles, but also its influence and prestige have grown greatly in the city of Fresno. Its high academic standards have been commended by California State Department of Education officials. Letters of inquiry from several foreign countries indicate

that its influence is becoming world-wide.

One must temper his enthusiasm if he is not to sound overly optimistic. The facts of eleven years of outstanding progress, however, still remain. West Coast Bible College is destined for greater things. In the West, growing with the West, this youthful, dynamic, Church of God institution will continue to move up the ranks until it has reached its rightful place in the front line of Christian education.

—Robert E. Fisher

... of the Faculty

Along the pathway of life God has placed golden nuggets of opportunity. Such a nugget is West Coast Bible College. It is an opportunity for God-called teachers who desire to be of real service to God and mankind. It is an opportunity for zealous young ministers who desire to be equipped with a sound knowledge of God's Word. It

is an opportunity for Christian young people to get a sound education without the expense of giving up their Pentecostal experience. It is an opportunity for unsaved young people to become acquainted with Christ, who is preached in the chapel, taught in the classroom and lived everywhere on campus.

Indeed WCBC is a golden nugget of opportunity polished to a sheer brilliance by the Spirit of God. May those who are afforded this opportunity not pass it by, but grasp it and use it. "Opportunity neglected is opportunity lost."

—Lawrence Walston, Instructor

TS on West Coast Bible College

... of the President

At the time of writing this article, we are nearing the end of one of the most successful terms in the history of West Coast Bible College. Our staff at West Coast is most efficient in every way. They receive great credit for the success of the college. The student body has been co-operative, which means they have played an important role in our successful term.

Reverend Robert E. Fisher has served our West Coast Bible College as superintendent during this year, and his services to the school have been reflected throughout the successful term for West Coast. He has been with the school for a number of years, and has helped the institution in many ways. He is an ordained minister in the Church, and I believe he has a great future with the Church.

Brother Fisher, having felt for sometime that he would like to be engaged in another field of service other than the educational field, recently resigned his position to be effective at General Assembly time. He will be working, however, in the interest of the college that has been so dear to his heart.

Upon the resignation of Superintendent Fisher, the West Coast Bible College Board of Directors asked the Reverend J. H. Walker, Sr., to consider the position. He has accepted, and his duties will begin with our new term. With the present facilities and the location of the school, we expect a continued and rapid growth as our new superintendent takes the responsibility of leadership of this Christian high school and college.

Brother Walker comes to us as a veteran in the Church. He was President of the Church of God Bible Training School for several years. This school, now known as Lee College, is located in Cleveland, Tennessee. He served the Church for a great number of years as General Overseer, Executive Missions Secretary, and editor of the *Church of God Evangel*. He comes to us from the State of Louisiana, where he is serving as state overseer. He is now a member of the Supreme Council of the Church.

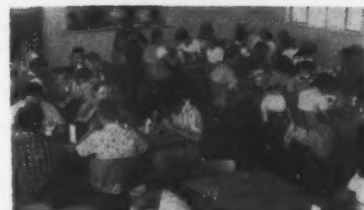
Since Brother Walker has many years of valuable experience, as an educator, and will be leading a group of well-qualified, consecrated staff members at West Coast Bible College, we are looking forward to another term of success and growth with our school in Fresno, California.—L. W. McIntyre.



L. W. McIntyre
President



WCBC
Campus
Scenes



INTERNATIONAL

ESTEVAN, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA,



By Darrell L. Lindsay

Overseer of Western Canada
President of International
Bible College.



IBC Campus



Harmony Hall

A SCHOOL WITH A PURPOSE

Taken from I.B.C. Annual, "The Light," 1960.

With a purpose! A school with a purpose! Does this sound trite? Purposes are so varied and broad. Some purposes are of lasting worth, others are just for the season. In a sense, purposes are goals, goals that must be reached. International Bible College is a school purposing to impress youth with eternal truth.

Many of the centers of learning in both Canada and the United States were founded by church groups. They were founded with a purpose. Not only was academic education provided, but also a strong emphasis was placed on instruction in spiritual truths. In fact, the first purpose of the school was always thought of as being the preparation of young people for active Chris-

tian service. It is sad to record that many have long since forsaken their original purpose.

International Bible College was founded first to provide training for young people in basic Christian truths and in methods of presenting these truths. In later years the high school department was added to provide an atmosphere where young people, no matter what their planned vocation, could have instruction in Christian truths. Today the school is functioning in keeping with the original purposes.

With a purpose? Yes, with a purpose. The same purpose. International Bible College must keep this purpose for the years that lie ahead: May many in the future, as in the past and at the present, be saturated in their hearts and minds with vital truths and lasting purposes.

BIBLE COLLEGE

1960-'61 TERM—25TH ANNIVERSARY



Mixed Choir



Prayer Band

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

By J. S. BRIDAL
Vice-President

In 1960-'61 is the silver anniversary of the International Bible College, Estevan, Sask., Canada. It was in the fall of 1936 that Rev. J. W. Bruce saw his dream come true; he opened the doors of South Saskatchewan Bible Training School at Consul, Sask. Brother Bruce knew that the strength of any work depends upon trained workers. Year after year the school rejoiced to see student after student take his place in the whitened harvest fields as missionaries, pastors, evangelists, youth directors and active workers in home evangelism.

After one year of operation the school was forced to move to larger accommodations in Robsart, Sask. With active workers going on the field, many new churches were established and the need for centralization caused the school to move to Moose Jaw in 1942. The school remained there for four years at which time a new need arose, that of a Christian high school. This meant relocating at a larger site; so the present location,

fifteen miles west of Estevan, was purchased. Our present campus was a small airport used during the war years. The hanger and H-hut were converted to meet the need for dormitory and classroom space.

In 1946 the school took on a new name, International Bible College. One of the reasons this new name was chosen was that the training school began to attract and influence students from all over Canada and other nations of the world. As a Church of God institution it became international in its influence by preparing workers to answer the call of God the world over.

The last fourteen years have seen the curriculum improved to meet the current demands of youth on the march for souls. The churches in western Canada have also grown in line with the growth of the school. Now we face a new need, that of relocating in a more centrally located place where communication to and from the school is more ideal. Although we will be in our present location for the 1960-'61 term, there are definite steps be-



JOHN S. BRIDAL

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High School
Principal



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Business
Manager,
Bible
Institute



ALBERT
GRIMES
Bible
Instructor



ing taken to relocate with an improved physical plant to meet the needs of a growing church and a growing school.

We, the faculty of International Bible College, want to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to anyone who would like sound training under wholesome Christian influence. Our theme is Christ first, others second and ourselves to the glory of God.



Paul H. Walker
President

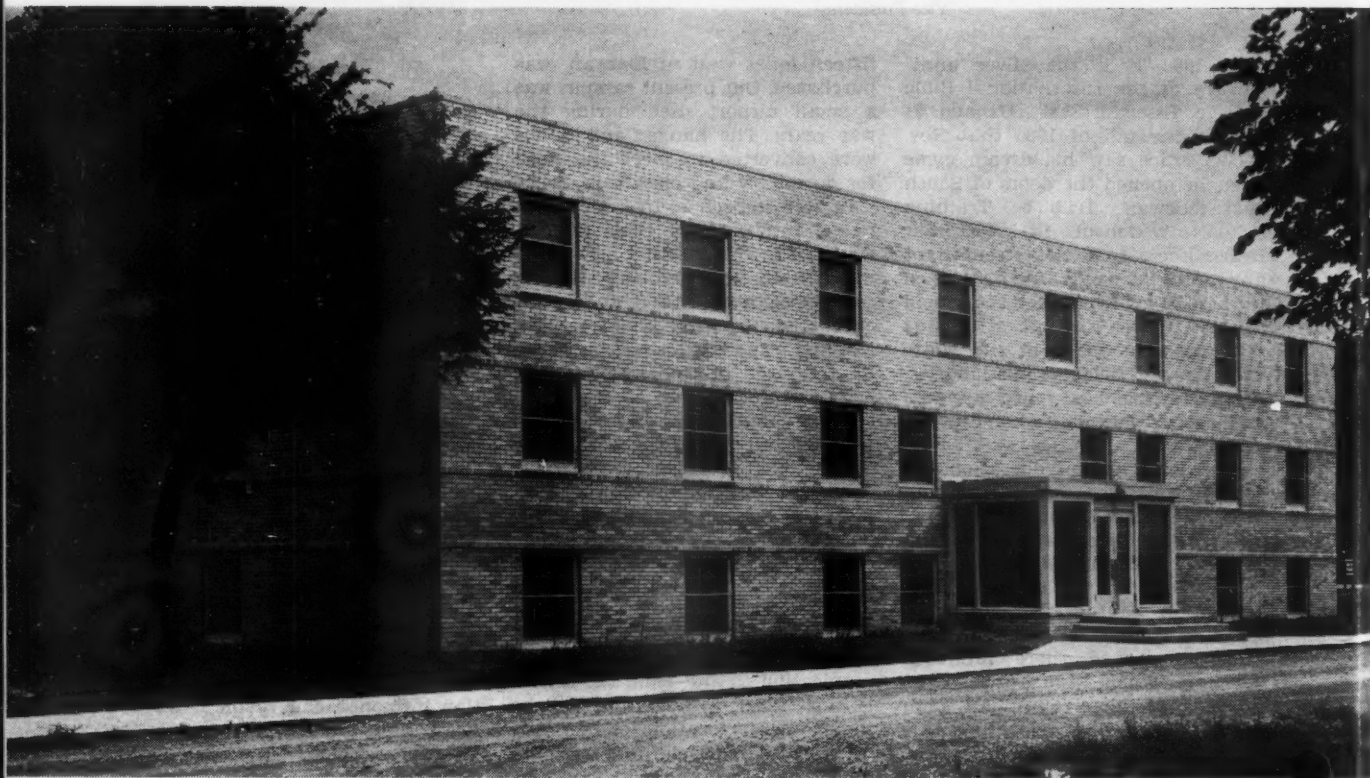
NORTHWEST BIBLE COLLEGE

Doctor Paul H. Walker is a native son of North Dakota and is presently serving as president and chairman of the board. He is founder of the college which he now serves. The Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred upon him in 1944 in honor of his achievements as an outstanding leader in his denomination. He served as Foreign Missions Executive Secretary, Assistant General Overseer and member of the Supreme Council.

Work from Northwest Bible College may be transferred through the University of North Dakota on the basis of subsequent performance.

Work from Northwest Bible College may be transferred to Lee College without examination.

It is approved by the Department of Justice (Bureau of Immigration), by the Headquarters of the Selective Service System and as an educational institution for education or training under the Veterans Readjustment Act, Public Law 346, 78th Congress (GI Bill).



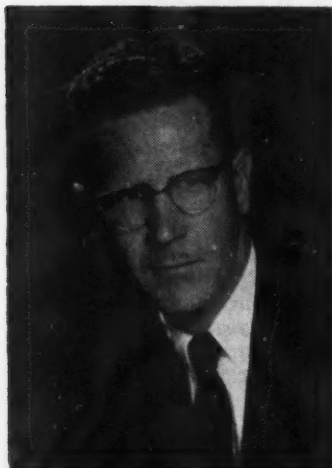
College dormitory with offices for Vice-President and faculty members

The Rev. T. D. Mooneyham holds a B.A. degree from the Oklahoma Baptist University and is a graduate of B.T.S., Sevierville, Tennessee. He has served as missionary in Angola and Nigeria where he established Bible schools, and as Principal of Berea Bible Seminary.

The Rev. Mr. Abel Sanchez is from Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico, and has served as youth director in Northwest Mexico. He is a graduate of Lee College and of International Preparatory Institute. He also attended Northwest Bible College and Minot State Teachers' College.

Miss Verla Hottman comes from the State of South Dakota and serves as commercial instructor. She studied at Aberdeen School of Commerce in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Minot State Teachers' College in Minot, North Dakota.

Miss Shelba Pitt is from Knoxville, Iowa, and is a graduate of the Junior College Division of Northwest Bible College. She is continuing her education this summer in the field of library science.



The Rev. Mr. Laud O. Vaught, who comes from West Virginia, has served the college for seven years as dean and instructor, and is presently vice-president of the college. He attended Concord College in Athens, West Virginia, and Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. He holds the Bachelor of Arts and the Master of Arts degrees.

The Rev. Mr. James Brandt is a native of North Dakota. He is registrar and dean of the Junior College. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Minot State Teachers' College with concentrations in English, psychology and education. He attended Northwest Bible College and Lee College, and is continuing work toward a graduate degree at the University of Iowa.

Miss June Becker, a native of South Dakota is dean of students and instructor. Before joining our staff, she was a member of the faculty of Lee College. She has taught in the International Bible College in Saskatchewan, Canada, and in the public school system in Montana. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from M.S.T.C. in education and social studies.

The Rev. Mr. Franklin Huwe is dean of men and instructor. He has studied at the University of North Dakota and Wesley College in Grand Forks; Northwest Bible College in Minot, North Dakota, and Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion and speech.

By R. H. Gause, Jr.
Dean of Bible College

LEE COLLEGE

Just as general education is important to the preservation of the American way of life, Biblical education is essential to the preservation of church life. Lee College aims to place the emphasis of the Church of God on all the areas of education. It is important that the youth of the Church of God be educated under the influence of the church.

The mind can be cultivated properly only if the claims of the Christian faith are brought to bear on the mind at every juncture of its training. The purpose of Lee College is to give training in every area of knowledge under the influence of Biblical truth in an environment that encourages faith, and in an atmosphere harmonious with Christian living.

Such a cultivation of the mind is essential to the maintenance of and preservation of the Church of God and the standards of Biblical living that it upholds. The ministry of Lee College addresses itself to this need of the church. Your support of Lee is essential to the fulfillment of her task. You can support Lee College in many ways:

1. Pray for this institution and its staff.
2. Advertise Lee College before educational, business and prospective student groups.
3. Support Lee College in a strong "booster campaign."
4. Make and solicit contributions for the endowment and loan fund programs at Lee College.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT AT LEE COLLEGE:

I. A broad choice of curricula, adapted to the needs of many students and many student desires.

A. High School (grades 10-12), approved by the Tennessee Department of Education, and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

B. Religious Education, a three-year program of Bible institute training designed especially for adults that have not finished high school.

C. Junior College, with credits transferable through the approval of the University of Tennessee and under the listing of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

1. Liberal Arts.
2. Commercial training.
3. Teacher training.
4. Ministerial training.

D. School of Music, dedicated to the training of ministers of music in the church, (including both a two-year program and a four-year program), offering the degree, Bachelor of Music.

E. Bible College, accredited by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges and designed to prepare students for the ministries of the church—pastoral, evangelism, youth work, Christian education, missions and other areas.

1. Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Education, with emphasis upon Biblical studies and pastoral activities.
2. Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian Education, with emphasis upon Christian education and organizational work.

II. A thoroughly academic program:

Lee College in all its divisions aims to uphold high academic standards, which require the thorough application of the student to his task. Regardless of a student's aim in life and regardless of the spirituality of one's environment and purpose, there is no substitute for serious study. Spirituality and lofty aims are incentives for study, but they do not take the place of study.

IN ORDER TO SERVE THE STUDENT IN THIS AREA, LEE COLLEGE HAS PROVIDED:

A WORLD OF BOOKS, with a library of over 13,000 volumes: Formal education applies its pattern to the mind, but only through books does the mind itself enrich, deepen, apply and develop those patterns in individual life fulfillment. Because books are instrumental in keeping intelligence active, they are a vital part of academic life.

COMPETENT TEACHERS with many instructional aids: The Lee College faculty is well equipped academically. Fifteen of the teachers have the Master's degree or more in graduate work. Five of these hold the Bachelor of Divinity degree. Lee College faculty members are selected for special university and government workshops.

WELL-EQUIPPED LABORATORIES, including chemistry, biology and physics facilities: Some subjects are best learned when students have the opportunity of doing and observing. The physical sciences are in this area, as are a number of other study areas. Our science laboratories are equipped with instruments, displays and visual aids.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES, including the regular chapel services, the Sunday evening services and the special fall and spring series of meetings: The Lee College pulpit is host to an impressive list of ministers in the course of the year. Special speakers are invited to conduct services during the year; the spiritual highlights of the year are the Fall Convocation and Spring Spiritual Emphasis week.

PERSONAL COUNSELLING: Spiritual guidance is one of the distinct advantages that a Christian college has to offer. This area of education is conducted both formally and informally by teachers, deans, coaches, supervisors and other personnel.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE in Christian service clubs and programs: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony..." (Revelation 12:11). This statement lies at the heart of the Christian program at Lee College. Such service is essential to spiritual success and to a thorough Christian education. The Missions Club, the Pioneers for Christ, and the Ministerial Club offer opportunities for service and training in this area of education.



Cleone McLain, Assistant Librarian
Le Moyne Swiger, Librarian



Elmer Odom, Bible Teacher



Clifford Dennison
Biology Teacher



Paul L. Walker
Special Guest Speaker

Pray that my family will be saved and that my husband will be more concerned about the Lord.

—A sister in Christ

Pray that the right thing will be done concerning an urgent request for prayer.

—A sister in Christ

Pray for Otis Jones who is seriously ill. Also pray for my brother and father who are unsaved, and for my mother that she might be healed.

—Shirley Hester
P. O. Box 294
Fitzgerald, Ga.

Please pray for me. I think I have cancer. Pray that God will save me and heal me. I have been expecting to die for 5 months. Please pray.

—Mrs. R. Brefont
Cromwell, Ky.

Please pray for my daughter, Mrs. Elvie Rushing, who is in serious condition. She is a backslider and may have cancer. Pray for her son that he may find work. Pray that the Lord will touch my body. Mrs. Era Martin needs help from God. Remember my unsaved children.

—Mrs. Mary Cotton
424 N. 31 St.
Gadsden, Ala.

Please pray for my son who is lost. He was recently in a car wreck.

—A friend in Christ

Please pray for my healing. Also I am going through some hard trials, and I need the help of the Lord.

—Marion Frazier
Gen. Del.
Lexington, Ky.

I earnestly request prayer for my daughter who has been a Christian for two years. The enemy is trying to overcome her. Pray that she will get closer to God and the church.

—A member in distress

Please pray for my father and brother who need prayer. I know God can hear and answer prayer.

—A sister in Christ

Pray that I will be healed if it be God's will. Pray for a special request and for my unsaved children.

—Mrs. Pearl Thacker
Piedmont, S. C.

Pray for Mrs. Jessie Landrum to be healed.

—Mrs. Lee Hall
919 Warren Street
Bogalusa, La.

Pray for the healing of our son Kelly, who was badly burned.

—Rev. & Mrs. Mitchell Edwards
Creswell, N. C.

Please pray for my body and mind. Sometimes I nearly go out of my mind and use poor judgment.

Prayer

Also pray that God will guide me as I move to another home.

—Miss B. F. Brewer
Nashville, Tennessee

Please pray for my son who is coming up for trial in September. He is now saved and sanctified and needs the Holy Ghost. Pray that God will heal him and his wife of deafness.

—His mother

I am a young Church of God minister, and I need the help of the Lord. I feel that I could be a blessing to the Lord with my writings, but I need the help of God in this undertaking. Also pray for my home; my husband is not a Christian. Pray that God will give me a greater desire to do His will than ever before.

—A sister in Christ

Please pray for my son, who is in the state hospital with bad nerves, that God will save and heal him. Also pray for my two daughters.

Christmas Program Books

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT—An entire Christmas program by Mrs. John L. Bowlin, including a children's program and a 2-act play.

The play requires 9 men (3 older adults and 6 young adults may be used), 3 women, 1 intermediate boy, 2 junior girls and a smaller girl.

The White family learns the real happiness that Christmas brings during a visit from their pastor. The nativity story is included. A program of real inspiration.

Price, 50c each

JOY TO THE WORLD, LaVose Wallin—

A beautiful story told through tableaux, contemporary play, Scripture and carols—it highlights the transformation of an indifferent young man who came face to face with the Christ of Christmas in a dream—excitingly different . . . minimum of memorization. Time, 1¼ hour. 12 copies required.

40c

GOD'S SUPREME GIFT, LaVose Wallin—A series of tableaux depicting the 5 key scenes of the Christmas story. Entire production interlaced with Scripture and carols. Uses children of all age groups . . . suitable for any size school. Minimum of memorization. Time, 1 hour. 10 copies required.

40c

STANDARD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM BOOK NO. 20—Sparkling program helps

for the entire Sunday School. Graded recitations, readings, exercises, playlets, simple one-act plays, and music.

Price, 40c each

HEALING IN ITS WINGS—In a small American village church, a dress-rehearsal on the eve of a Christmas pageant becomes the occasion of unexpected and dramatic life-changing as a child is believed to be lost in a furious storm and strangers are suspected of harming her. Excitement reaches mob pitch before it is realized that a protecting Hand is lovingly healing both physical and spiritual ills. At least 20 characters are needed.

Price, 50c each

ANGEL ON A STEPLADDER—This is a Christmas combination play and pageant. Donnie, an ingenious young boy, is determined his father is going to develop faith, even if he has to impersonate Gabriel. His attempts to inspire his father make this a very stirring play and contains a sensitive humor which is unequalled. Seven or more copies are required. Production time: One hour.

Price, 50c each

SEEING THE STAR—A short three-act Christmas play by Alberta Hawse for 5 men and 3 women. This play centers around putting Christ back into Christmas. It is highly recommended for a

Requests

ters and another son to be saved.

—Mrs. Pearl Strickland
Route 2, Box 338A
Clayton, N. C.

Please pray for the healing of my body. I am bothered with infections. Also pray that I will have more faith.

—C. M. Crosnio
Route 4
Camden, Tennessee

Pray that God will heal me of spinal arthritis. Also pray for the salvation of some of my loved ones.

—Mrs. W. L. Preston
417 Haywood Road
W. Asheville, North Carolina

Please pray that I will receive financial help to pay my pledges to the church. Also pray that God will undertake concerning a work in Madison, Wis.

—A minister

Please pray earnestly and continually for me. I need help spirit-

ually and physically. Pray that God will bless me some way.

—Mrs. Leonard Couch
Route 4
Hixson, Tennessee

Please pray that our oldest son and his wife and our daughter and her husband will return unto the Lord before it is too late. Also pray that our two younger sons who are still at home will be drawn close to the Lord. Pray that my husband and I will be drawn nearer to God. Pray for a youth group that I work with.

—Mrs. Margaret Bolt
2613 "G" Street
Eureka, Calif.

Please pray for my daughter, Dorothy Anderson, who is a Christian and a member of the Church of God. She is having trouble with her mouth.

—Mrs. Carrie Thomas
1723 A Maple St.
Goldsboro, N. C.

Please pray for a special request for me. Also pray for the healing of my body and eyes. Pray for the saving of my family.

—Mrs. Pearl Wood
Route 1
Walhalla, S. C.

Please pray for this request. My husband has a sex demon and needs deliverance. Pray for my home that I can have peace.

—A sister in Christ

Please pray for me to be healed. I don't know what is wrong, but I know God is on the throne.

—Mrs. T. J. Taylor
Box 851
Brownfield, Texas

Please pray for my body. I suffer with stomach trouble and poor appetite. I am sure God can heal me for I am serving Him and trusting Him. Also pray for our pastor's wife to be healed of stomach trouble.

—Mrs. Lucy Fleming
316 Council Street
Sumter, S. C.

Please pray for my son in service that the Lord will undertake and send him home.

—A sister in Christ

Pray that the Lord will heal Brother Lonnie Allen, who is in a serious condition. Anyone feeling led to send anointed cloths, please do so. Bro. Allen's address is Cross City, Florida.

—Mrs. W. E. Chisholm
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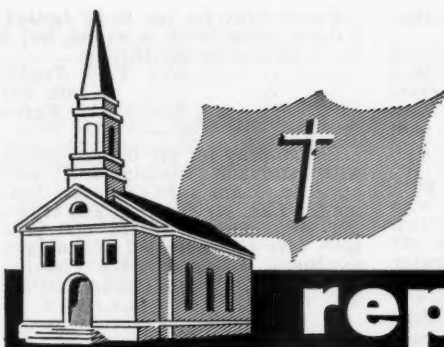
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Attendance Record Broken 3 Times in 10 Months

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Surely the accomplishments that the Harrisburg Church of God has enjoyed in the past months are to be accredited to the Lord.

The people have worked hard and faithfully for God and the church. God having rewarded their efforts, we have good news to report. The church has been blessed spiritually and each department has had noticeable gains. Worthy of special recognition is the Sunday School. Three times in the past 10 months our attendance record has been broken. The record of 146 which was recently set was broken on April 17, 1960, with 218 present for Sunday School. The average attendance for the month of April was 150. For these and many other blessings too numerous to mention, we praise the Lord.

—Edward N. Wright, pastor

Vulcan, W. Va., Church Blessed

VULCAN W. Va.—We, the Church of God at Vulcan, are praising and thanking God for a revival conducted by Rev. O. A. Stump of Phelps, Kentucky. We have 6 added to our church. Eight souls have been saved, 3 baptized in water, 1 received the Holy Ghost. We are having wonderful attendance.

—Gusta Steele, clerk

Church Small in Size—Big in Accomplishments

COVINGTON, La.—“Showers of blessings” seem to bespeak what the Covington Church has received in the past several months. Each church department has a progress report of its own.

Beginning February 15, the church observed Spiritual Growth

Week with different speakers each night. Brothers Prentice Parker, Owen McManus, N. G. Ridgeway, and J. C. McClendon seemed at their best as the church was challenged to move higher in spiritual growth. A revival spirit prevailed throughout the week which led to a two-week revival immediately following with Bro. J. C. McClendon as evangelist. Several people received definite experiences in this revival, and the church was encouraged.

Beginning Monday night, April 18, National Youth Week was observed. It has been said that variety is the spice of life. A real variety made up the youth's activities. Pantomines, skits, sermonettes, sermons, a movie, and other activities helped make the week a tremendous success. Several nights our altar was full of youthful seekers. Each night a youth choir rendered the singing. The week climaxed with a wiener roast for everyone at our local park. Around 150 enjoyed this occasion. Our average attendance for youth week was 107.

The Covington members are enthusiastic, happy, and grateful for the progress and spirituality we are enjoying. We attribute a great deal of this success to our conscientious and hard working pastor and wife, Bro. and Sister James Miller. They have proved to be leaders who know how to lead a congregation to know and serve Christ better each day.

The church was blessed immeasurably several months ago when Ernest and Eva Miller, two local schoolteachers, joined our ranks. Their exemplary lives and talents have been an inspiration to our membership. Bro. Ernest spoke twice during youth week, and his messages have a special appeal to young people.

Sunday, April 24, was Youth Day for the Sunday School. The young people took over Sunday School and proved the Church of God at Covington will move forward a number of years if Jesus tarries.

The Covington district now sponsors two branch Sunday Schools—one at Folsom and one at Hammond.

Twice a month on Sunday afternoon, a number of our group go out two by two in visitation work in interest of our Sunday School. This phase of the church program is proving to be a fruitful effort and perhaps helps account for our present progress.

Covington may be small in size, but more will be heard in days to come of the “bigness” of its accomplishments.

—Margie Mixon, reporter

Hundreds Give Their Hearts to God

THOMASVILLE, Ga.—We have just closed one of the greatest revivals in the history of Thomasville, Georgia, with the T. L. Lowery Evangelistic Team.

We enjoyed 10 glorious nights as Brother Lowery preached the Word of God under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and Brother Herb Winegar sang. The greatest crowds ever known to attend a religious service in this city packed the big warehouse. Toward the end of the campaign, extra chairs were brought in and still some people were standing.

As the holy presence of God fell upon the congregation, hundreds came forward each night to give their hearts to God. Sinners were saved, church members revived and others sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Hundreds were slain under the power of God. On the last Saturday night of the meeting, 128 were baptized in water.

We witnessed numerous healings as Brother Lowery laid his hands on the believers and prayed the prayer of faith.

We had the full co-operation of all the ministers on the Thomasville district and from many neighboring cities.

We pray that God will let Brother Lowery and Brother Winegar return to our city sometime in the future.

—Casey F. Monsees

New Church Reaching People for God

LANCASTER, Calif.—Rev. Black came to our church to set the Church of God in order with 10 members, for which we thank God. Our Sunday School is growing; last Sunday the attendance was 38. We thank God for everyone, for none of these people were attending Sunday School anywhere. We feel we are doing a wonderful work for God.

—W. F. and Mary Wade, pastor

The Lord Blesses in South Carolina

Prayer Conference

The desire for a closer communion with God, the hunger for a greater joy of basking in the sunlight of the smile of the Almighty as His will is being done, the urge to learn the will of God from His Word, and then to receive the power to perform His will—these were the motives that prompted our beloved Overseer, Brother J. B. Ellis, to call a state-wide conference for prayer at the Church of God in Langley, South Carolina, on January 18 and 19, 1960.

Capacity crowds attended every service with an overflow for the evening services. The singing was such as only Pentecostals can sing when they are singing in the Spirit. Individual and mass prayer bombarded heaven's portals until heaven responded with a copious shower of "latter rain."

Ample provision for the entertainment of this large crowd was made by the host church and the host pastor, Brother W. E. Dowdy.

The preaching was anointed. The speakers were Rev. F. D. Hopkins, pastor of the Woodside Avenue Church in Greenville; Rev. Paul E. Blake, pastor of the church in Union; Rev. Charles W. Conn, Editor-in-Chief of Church of God publications; Rev. H. P. Robinson, Superintendent of the lower South Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church; Rev. B. E. Ellis, State Overseer; Rev. John L. Byrd, State Overseer of North Carolina; Rev. D. A. Biggs, State Overseer of Alabama; Rev. Walter Pettit, pastor at Ft. Mill, South Carolina.

Emphasis was placed upon the need for a "middle-of-the-road" experience in the prayer life. On one side there is the cold, formal experience which is known as a "form of godliness." There is that which looks like godliness, acts like godliness, and seems like godliness, but it denies the power thereof. It is this which caused Jesus to marvel. "And he marvelled because of their unbelief" (Mark 6:6). There is nothing so cold and formal as a practically prayerless, powerless Christian.

On the other hand, there is the fanatic with his pseudo miracles. He may seem like Pentecost, he may even sound like Pentecost, but by his pseudo miracles he will panic good people. He causes good people to leave the sound path of Bible truth and go into the mire of rank extremism. It is here that the enemy of our souls can lead and capture good people. Saints of God who would resist the enemy and would not yield to temptation to sin nor to the temptation of cold formality may be panicked by a sudden, overpowering fear into making false claims from which they do not retreat, and, thus, the cause of the Lord is hurt, the name of the Lord is blasphemed, and the misled one is precipitated into apostasy (total desertion of principles of faith).

The believer must have spiritual equipoise (equilibrium or balance). We believe in "signs and wonders" and we believe in them under God's terms. Jesus said in John 14:12, 13: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He

that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, THAT THE FATHER MAY BE GLORIFIED IN THE SON." So the believer prays to the Father, "Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth." He is then armed with the power that the Lord promised in Luke 10:19, 20: "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

The great prayer conference came to a close with shouts of praise and thanksgiving to God who hears and answers His humble servants' prayers. The good that was accomplished can only be measured in souls, and only eternity can reveal all the effectiveness of this holy convocation.

—Linwood Jacobs, reporter

Coupons Collected for Home for Children

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The Parkland Church of God in Louisville, Kentucky, is proud to report the progress it has had in Y.P.E. We have had an increase in our attendance and offerings. We just closed a Y.P.E. contest, "My Cup Runneth Over." We received the rules for this contest from the *Pilot*. Our main goal during the 13 weeks of the contest was to secure stamps and coupons for our Children's Home. During the contest we collected 25,433 stamps and coupons. Although our contest has come to an end, we do not plan to stop working for our church and our Children's Home. Our prayers are that God may bless the Home and its workers.

—Marjorie Renfro,
Y.P.E. Sec.-Treas.

The Bible Speaks on "Preaching"



Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. II Tim. 4:2

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. I COR. 9:14



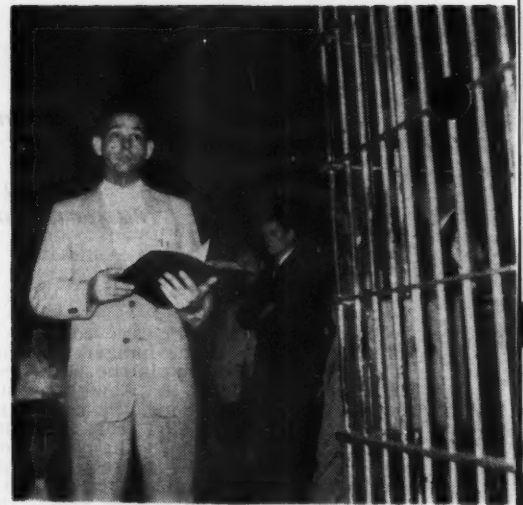
ROMANS 10:17



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